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Dear Mr. Hodgkins,

I have a Community Health Education bachelor’s degree from the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF). I have been working with children since I was in middle school and it has always been something I am passionate about. When I was in middle school, I became a part of a day camp over the summer where I was a volunteer staff member for three years. I was a coach throughout high school at another sports-related summer camp for both elementary and middle school students (basketball, soccer and lacrosse). I continued to help out with many children’s programs at UMF, such as Summer Daze Camp, Cradles and Crayons, and ASP; an after school program, all three at the Fitness and Recreation Center in Farmington. I enjoy being a part of these programs, and seeing the students grow every year. It brings me joy to be able to organize crafts, games, and all sorts of activities to foster not only a fun, but also an engaging environment for the children to develop social interactions with their peers.

In the Spring of 2016, I took a practicum class that was opened my eyes to what being a teacher is really about. I was placed in a health class at Mt. Blue Middle School where I got to engage in lesson planning and observe my mentor teaching. As I grew in my own learning and confidence, I got the opportunity to teach to the students on my own. It is was a good feeling when I would be able to talk with students one on one and be able to hear some of their thoughts and opinions about their classes. It helped me to see how my actions can make a class better or worse and I am now able to carry that knowledge into my future classroom.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my application. I’m really excited to begin this new journey! If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at either my email ([rhiannan223@yahoo.com](mailto:rhiannan223@yahoo.com)) or call my phone any time (207-229-1775).

Sincerely,

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